

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

City Council Meeting of 1/18/2010

Agenda Item: Consent Agenda

**Originating Department:
Parks and Recreation**

**Subject:
Polk County Betterment Grant Application**

**Action Requested:
Resolution**

**Council Goal:
Manage growth and revitalization**

Include Cover Sheet: ☐

Legal: No Review Required

Executive Summary:

The attached resolution grants the Mayor authorization to sign a grant application to Polk County through their Community Betterment Program for the Parks & Recreation Adopt-A-Flower Bed Program. The flower bed program has long been funded by the general fund however funding has been eliminated in the upcoming budget for this initiative requiring that alternative sources of funds be procured. Polk County has an annual grant program that funds community enrichment activities such as this one. Parks & Recreation, through its Keep Ankeny Beautiful Fund, will be applying for a sum of \$10,000.

The Adopt-A-Flower Bed Program is popular, featuring flower planting in more than 50 beds throughout the community.

Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

A \$10,000 savings to the general fund would result if we receive this grant.

City Manager's Recommendation:

Authorize the City applying for the Polk County Betterment Grant.

Previous Council/Commission/Board Action(s):

The Council has asked departments to look at alternative revenue and grant opportunities.

Public Outreach Efforts:

The flower bed program involves more than 200 volunteers.

Action 1:

Consider motion to adopt RESOLUTION to authorize the Mayor's signature approving the City of Ankeny's "Keep Ankeny Beautiful" application to the Polk County Betterment Grant Program for the Adopt-A-Flower Bed Program.

Action 2:

N/A

Action 3:

N/A

Action 4:

N/A

Action 5:

N/A